

- Federal Funding for St. Anthony Community Hospital in Final Spending Bill Sent to President -

Washington, DC – Federal funding that U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) secured for St. Anthony Community Hospital to establish a Wound Care Program is included in the final spending bill that Congress sent to the President this week to become law. The \$95,305 obtained by Congressman Hall for St. Anthony Community Hospital in the Town of Warwick has survived all rounds of House-Senate appropriations negotiations and was included in the final version of the funding bill passed by both the House and the Senate this week. The White House has announced that the President will sign the legislation in the coming days.

"The spread of diabetes is alarming," said Hall. "The Wound Care Program will provide critical services for diabetic patients in Orange County."

St. Anthony Community Hospital of Warwick plans to establish a Wound Care Program to serve the growing number of people with diabetes who now suffer from the lack of wound care centers in the community. Increasingly, dealing with complications of diabetes has become a problem in Orange County. One such complication includes non-healing, open wounds, which can lead to amputation if not treated properly. With the new diabetic education program at St. Anthony and the closing of the Arden Hill Hospital/Orange Regional Medical Center wound care center in Goshen, a Wound Care Program at St. Anthony to serve chronically wounded diabetic patients in Orange County would fill an important community need.